GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:512
ANSWERED ON:26.07.2000
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS INVOLVED IN CORRUPTION
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the image of IAS officers is going down in the eyes of the people;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to improve the lost image of civil servants;

(c) the number of IAS, IPS, IFS and ED officers found involved in corruption and possessing wealth disproportionate to their known sources of income in the last three years; and

(d) the action taken against them?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS` WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b), (c) & (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION 512 TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2000

(a) There is no official study conducted in this regard. However, action is taken against officers in cases of individual misconduct under the relevant service rules.

(b) The Government is fully alive to the need to provide clean administration and to eradicate corruption at all levels of public services. The drive against corruption is a continuing process and the policies are modified from time to time in order to make them more responsive to the changing environment. Some of the major initiatives taken by the Government are:

(i) The Central Vigilance Commission Bill to confer statutory status to the Commission has been introduced in the Lok Sabha on December 20, 1999. The Bill stands referred to the Joint Committee of both the Houses of Parliament on 21.12.1999 for consideration and recommendations.

(ii) The Central Vigilance Commission has been vested powers to exercise superintendence over the vigilance administration of the various Ministries of the Central Government or Corporation established by or under any Central Act, Government companies, societies and local authorities owned or controlled by that Government.

(iii) Recognising that an important aspect of preventive vigilance is to ensure transparency in public administration, measures of administrative reforms such as introduction of Citizens Charters and Facilitation Counters have been initiated. The review and simplification of laws, rules and procedures has also been taken up.

(c) & (d) Ministry of Personnel Public Grievances & Pensions is the Disciplinary Authority in respect of a Member of the Indian Administrative Service serving in connection with the affairs of the Centre. The State Governments are competent to take action against members of the Service for any misconduct committed by them while serving under the State. The information in respect of State Governments is not centrally maintained or monitored. Information in respect of the other services is also not centrally maintained or monitored.

During the last three years sanction for prosecution for various offences under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 has been granted by the Central Government against IAS officers in 27 cases, out of which 6 cases relate to possession of assets disproportionate to known sources of income.